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To the Right Honorable Sir *John Moor*,
Lord-Mayor of *London*, and the Right Wor-
shipfull the Aldermen his Brethren.

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To the Right Honorable Sir *John Moor*, Knight, *Lord-Mayor* of the City of *London*, and to the Right Worshipful, the *Aldermen*, his Brethren.

Being given to understand that your Lordship and the Court of Aldermen have lately taken into consideration the bus'ness of *Seditious Libells*, and *Papers*; and that for want of particular *Enformation*, the matter proceeded no further at that time, then to a *Generall Admonition*; which extended to the *Innocent*, as well as to the *Guilty*, through the *False* and *Malitious Practices* of the *Criminalls*, for the Involving of both sorts under the same *Scandall*, and *Condemnation*; I reckon it my duty to the *King*, the *Church*, the *City*, to every *Honest man*, and in the last place, to my *Self*, to present your Lordship and the Bench of Aldermen your Brethren, with the means of distinguishing the One from the Other; In full assurance, that your *Loyalty*, *Generosity*, and *Wisdom*; your love of *Truth*, *Peace*, and *Common Equity*, will dispose you to Vindicate his Majesties *Crown* and *Dignity*; the *Royal Family*, the honour of the *Government*, and all that is Sacred in *humane Society*, against all *Insolts* whatsoever; and Cause *Exemplary Justice* to be done upon such Offenders in these Cases, as shall be found properly under your Authority, and Jurisdiction. I shall not Clog this Paper with Instances, either *superfluous*, or of *Ancient Date*; but keep my self within compais, both for *Time*, and *Bulk*; Citing the *Book*, and the *Page*; still as I go along with the *Publishers Name* in the *Margent*. And it will likewise appear from the Pamphlets themselves, that there's a *Form'd Conspiracy* against both *Church* and *State*, for the destruction of the *Whole*, and of every *Part* of it, *Root* and *Branch*.

John Kid-
gell and
Richard
Baldwin.

The Book that deserves the first place in this consideration, was printed for John Kidgel, at the Atlas in Cornhill 1682. and publish'd by Richard Baldwin, in the Old-Bayly: A Bold, and a Common Agent for the promoting of Sedition; and it carries the designe, in the very Title, and Face on't. [*Rights of the Kingdom, or Customs of our Ancestors, touching the Duty, Power, Election or Succession of our Kings, and Parliaments, Our TRUE Liberty, DUE Allegiance, Three Estates, THEIR Legislative Power, Originall, Iudiciall, and Executive; with the Militia: Freely discussed, through the Brittish, Saxon, Norman Laws & Histories.*]

This Gallimawfrey of Fragments was first publish'd in 1649. in favour of Cromwells Proceeding, and Government: I e main Streis of the Discourse, resting upon these two Points. First, that the Late King was lawfully put to death. Secondly, that the English Monarchy is not Hereditary, but Elective; And so the Author, by Presidents, either Impertinent, Unwarrantable, Perverted, or misapply'd, supports his Pretensions the best he can.

Finding this Treasonous Piece to be now Re-printed, I could not but berhink my self To what end? And this Curiosity put me upon comparing the Two Editions, to see, how far they Agreed; wherein they Differ'd: or whether this Latter Impression were the very same with the Original. Upon the Examination, I find severall sly Variations, and Additions, and many things Omitted in the Latter Copy; which gives first to understand that this is not the work of a Bookseller, or Printer, for profit; but a Regular, and Industrious Disposition of the matter for some other purpose: And what that Purpose is may be easily gather'd from the Pulse and Bias of the Treatise; For the Omissions, though Many, & Large are only such as apply the Arguments for the Sovereign Power of a Parliament or the People, to the Defence of the Late Kings Murder; or else such as strike so directly at the Subversion of the Monarchy; that the Age is nor as yet either so Mad, or so Wicked as to bear it: But his Arguments, and Reasonings all this while, for the Peoples Right of Calling their Kings, to an Account remain Whole, and Unmouch'd; So that his Maintenance of the Peoples Power over the King, even to the Deposing and putting of him to Death, stands

as good against this King as it did against his Father; and speaks the Publisher and the Author to be both of a mind in the Case. In One word, the two Positions of this Villanous Book, are the Two Pillars of the Associating Plot. And if the Faction can but first persuade the Multitude, that if the King will not do as the People would have him, the People may deal with the King as they please: And Secondly, That this is an Elective Monarchy; there's the King's, the Duke of York's, and the Governments business done at a Blow. But I shall leave the Author to Expound his own meaning in three or four passages omitted in this new Edition.

I cannot see (says he) why it should be a Crime for any to desire that an Action of such Concernment (putting the King to death) might be fully Clear'd to be Just, and acted Justly. Page 2. And again.

I would gladly have spoken all that I justly might, to have saved him from death, till I had seen that his Life could not consist with the Peoples Peace and Safety, which I may acknowledge to be the Supreme, and Highest Law Humane, P. 3. Further,

My work shall be to Enquire of matters of Law; And how by the Laws and Customs of this Kingdom, it may be known, Adjudged and Declar'd what is the Duty of our King, and whether he hath done it or not; and in case of failure, how it may be judg'd, who they be that must determine it, so that the Subject may and should be quiet, and submit to such an Act Judiciall and Conclusive. Pag. 4. Once again.

It may seem a short work and soon sayd when the King breaks his Trust, the Parliament must Judge him, and when the Lords refuse, the Commons might and must, because it was Necessity; but I am loth to hide my self in a Dark Chaos, I had rather see it Cleared in the Open Sun. P. 4.

This is sufficient to shew the Opinion, and the Drift of the Author; wherein he declares himself, that the Late King was Justly put to death, and undertakes by Law and Reason to prove it; So that his Pretended Proofs being now Expos'd to the Publick, by Kidgell, and Baldwin, in the very same terms with

with the *Original*, must necessarily render the *Late Publishers* as Guilty as the *Author*. There runs a Vein of Sedition through the whole Tract; but some Few Instances out of this late Impression shall serve the Turn.

[*Let us Discusse it* (says he) *by Law and Reason, what is our Legall Fealty; how made, how Limited, how kept, or how DIS-SOLV'D.* P. 11.] So that our *Allegiance* may be Dissolv'd, it seems, and is only *Conditionall*. And again. [*Allegiance was ad Legem to the Laws, the Kingdom, and the Kingdoms good, or Profit, together with the King.* P. 18.] We'll see now what he says to the Point of Election or Succession. [*In the time* (says he) *of Hen. 1. and Hen. 2. there were some Speciall Acts of Parliament for settling the Crown on Maud the Empress, or her Issue.* P. 24. — *But all such Acts* (for Tying the Crown to such or such a Family) *do not Evince a Former Right of Succession.* P. 25. — And then further [*I say not* (says he *Ibid.*) *how often it hath been adjudg'd that Affirmative Statutes do not annull the Common Law; and that one may Prescribe against a Statute Negative, but in Affirmance of the Common Law, — So that if an English King was Elective by the Common Law, the Kingdom might Prescribe against Late Statutes, which might Erre much more then they could Oblige All Future Parliaments, but they might still be free and most of all in what was due before by Common Law.* *Ibid.*] And moreover P. 75. He grounds his Pretence upon the Speech of Hubert at the Coronation of King John (an Excellent President for his turn) [*It is well known to you all that no man hath Right of Succession to this Crown, Except, that by Unanimous Consent of the Kingdom, with Invocation on the Holy Ghost, he be Elected from his own Deserts; but if any of the last Kings race be more worthy and better then others, his Election is more Proper, or more Reasonable, as it now is in Earl John here present. — Which* (says he, *Ibid.*) *seemeth most rightly to State the nature of Succession as it was in this Kingdom. So that all did amount but to this, That if a King had such Children; so Qualify'd, and so Educated, that they were above others in Virtue, Wisdom, and True worth (or at least Ceteris Paribus) they were the most likely Candidates for the Crown.] So that his Malitious Imposture resolves at last wholly into this. He sets the Parliament and the People above the King; and makes the Government *Elective*, by the *Common Law*, and from thence*

Concludes

Concludes all those Statutes that Assert the Kings Sole Sovereignty, and the Right of Hereditary Succession, as Nullities, for their Repugnance thereunto.

'Tis true that *Care*, and *Faneway*; (for they are both one in the *Impartial*) have publish'd *Num.* 82. a Rude Advertisement, as if *Baldwin* had not publish'd this Book; Whereas One or Two of *Baldwins Servants* were taken at One a Clock on a Sunday Morning Posting up the Title Pages; which is as much a Publishing them, as if he had sold them Openly in his own shop: Beside, that 'tis probable he knew the Malice of the Book, by the Close, and Unseasonable course he took for the Notifying and dispersing of it. I have been forc'd to speak at large upon This; but I shall be shorter in the rest, and go on a little upon the same Head of *Sedition*.

[All Considering People will now see that Conventiclers are not Richard punish'd and ruin'd for holding Conventicles; but for being zealous Baldwin for the Protestant Religion, and Government by advice of Parliament, against Popery, and Clandestine Arbitrary Councells.] Postscript to Remarques upon Sr. William Smiths Speech at Hicks Hall; Publish'd by Baldwin again.

Here is first a *Vote* of the *Commons*, set up above the Authority of several Establish'd Laws. 2ly. The King himself charg'd with a design of Suppressing the Protestant Religion, and Advancing the Interest of Popery, in Requiring the Execution of 'em; and with Clandestine Arbitrary Councells, over and above.

Double your Watches (says Faneway in his *Vox Patriæ*) Chain Richard up the Streets of the City day and night. Suffer not any Body of Armed Soldiers, Greater, or Less (other then the Trained Bands of this City) to march through any part of the City, P. 1.]

Here's a Proposall of keeping his Majesty out of London by Force, as the Rebels did his Father out of Hull: and the Printing of this Paper can have no other End, then to Invite and Encourage the Nation into a Tumult. And what's the Ground of this Audacious Proposall, but the [Surprising Prorogation of the Parliament. Ibid.] So that the King shall not Exercise the undoubted Prerogatives of his Royall Authority, upon pain of Faneways denouncing War against him.

In the same Libell P. 17. he has a Pretended Address from Richard Suffex to the Knights of the Shire, declaring that [they will Faneway stand.

stand by and defend them with their Lives and Fortunes in doing whatsoever they shall judge necessary for the Peace, Safety, and Prosperity of the Nation (if any danger should threaten them.) And the People of *Winchelsea* undertake as far to their *Burgeses*, P. 20. Thereby disowning their duty to their Sovereign, and transferring their Allegiance to their Fellow-Subjects. The Burden of the Song from one end to the other of this Pamphlet being the Exclusion of his Royall Highness, and Barring the Kings Supply, with an intermixture of demanding the Artillery, the Militia, the Regulation of Courts Ecclesiastical, and Civil, a Bill of Association; the disposing of all Publick Offices and Charges, &c.

Suppos'd
by Bald-
wyn.

The Sheriffs Case makes [King, Lords, and Commons, to be a Corporation] which amounts to no less than a Deposing of the King.

John
Starkey.

[That Bugbear Passive-Obedience (says Jo. Starkey in the Character of a Popish Successor. P. 20.) is a Notion crept into the world, and most zealously, and perhaps as Ignorantly defended.] What is this but a Papall Absolution? But then in the Second Part P. 34. the Nail is driven to the Head. [Have we not had a Late King of Portugal Deposed, as Delirious and Frantick, and consequently render'd by Law Uncapable of Reigning; and all this done by his own Subjects, and those of his own Religion, without the least Reflection of Treason or Rebellion, or the Aspersions of Lifting a hand against the Lords Anointed?] What is this but to tell the People, that there needs no more to the Deposing of a Prince, than the Outcry of the Multiitude, that he is not fit to Govern?

These Outrages upon the Laws of God and man will never find Protection within the Walls of this Loyal City; And this Licence is not more the Shame of the Government, than the Vile Instruments are in truth the Dishonour of Mankind.

The Desperate Practices, Declarations and Positions of the Scottish Covenanters, even to the barefac'd avowing of it to be their Duty to destroy the King, the Royal Family, and the Persons as well as the Order of the Bishops, is too notorious to be either Conceal'd, Palliated, or Deny'd; which put the Government, in Conclusion, upon a Test; as the only Expedient for

for the securing both of the *Church* and *State*, against the Violent, and Impious Machinations of those Diabolical Spirits; and (in effect) for preserving the Peace of the *Two Kingdoms*. Just now, upon this very Instant of Time, when the *Scottish Faction* were Meditating New Commotions; out comes *Curtis's Cheat*, and Mockery of the *Arraignment, Tryal, and Condemnation* of a Dogg ^{Langley} _{Curtis.} for refusing the *Test*, and the whole Process *Ridicul'd* in the very *Form and Terms* of the *Law*; and Dress'd up in so Contemptuous a manner that nothing was ever more Rudely and Spitefully treated than the *Kings Authority*, and the Wisdom of the *Scottish Nation* in that Act of State.

After these Affronts upon the *King himself*, it is not to be expected that they should treat his *Royal Highness*, at a Civiller rate: But how this Privilege of *Questioning Sovereign Authority*; *Discharging Subjects* of their *Allegiance*; and *Disposing of the Crowns of Princes*, comes to be the Subject of every *Mean*, and *Merccenary Pen*; will be taken I hope into a seasonable Consideration.

One of the most Seditious Impostures that has yet seen the Light, was a Libel that passed under the Title of [*Bedlo's Narrative of the Fires,*] which was almost wholly, and Verbatim taken out of other Scandalous Libels of Former Date, and Fobb'd upon the Nation under the Name, and Authority of one of the *Kings Witnesses*. Care put it together, and it was Printed in *Bedlo's Absence*. The main Scope of the Pamphlet, was to possess the People as if the *Duke of York*, the *Guards*, and the *Court-Party*, had Countenanced, and Promoted the *Conflagration*. [*The Kings Life-Guard (he says) rescued a Man that was taken in the Act of Firing a House. Pag. 9.*] And again [*One of the Life-Guard threw Fire-Balls into a Womans Lapp. Pag. 10.*] [*The Duke of York took a French-man into his Custody, and said I will secure him, but he was heard of no more, Ibid.*] [*Four Life-Guard-men rescued another French-man, &c. Ibid.*] Another *French-man* carried before the *D. of Y.* and heard of no more. *Pag. 11.* And so another in like manner. *Pag. 13.* There's another Charg'd with Burning the City, and his Father is said to answer for him; [*My Son doth nothing but what he has a Patent from the King for. Pag. 11.*]

Hen. Care.
Langley
Curtis.

In the *Popish Courant* of Jan. 14. 1680. The same *Henry Care* and *Langley Curtis* kill two Birds with one Stone. [*Tis certain every Papist is (Implicitly at least) a Rebel and a Traytor.*] Here's no Exception of either *Quinn*, or *Duke*, nor of the very *Preservers* of his Sacred Majesty, when the *Rebellious Subjuncts* pursued him, to *Murder him*. Nay, 'tis so far from an *Exception*, that he points with his Finger to That he would be at. [*If ever (says the Courantier a little below) we get a Popish Successor into the Saddle, and the Black Tansy-men to hold the Stirrup, whilst his Holiness rides the dull Beasts at Pleasure, We'll burn all the Heretical Doggs, &c.*] so that it seems we have a *Popish Clergy* too as well as a *Popish Successor*. And then to Finish his Complement, *July 22. 1681* [*We have (says he) got a New Fry of Church-men, prepared by Habbs, and the Playhouse, that care not a farthing for any Religion, provided they may but Swagger and Domineer, and Swear and Damn, and Drink Healths with a Huzzaa.*]

To. Starkey.

I shall only take a Taste here, of that Venemous [*Character of a Popish Successor.*] Though sufficient to give any Honest Man Horror for the very Syllables of it, but much more so for such *Daring Insolencies* pass Unpunished. He calls his *Royal Highness*, *Page 10.* [*the Greatest, and only Grievance of the Nation; the Universal Object of their Hate and Fear, and the Subject of their Clamours, and CURSES.*] And a little further, with as much Malice to the *King* as to the *Duke*, he pronounces his Majesty as good as lost for his Friendship (as he expresses it) to [*that One GANGREENED Branch of Royalty.*] This is a Subject too Foul to Enlarge upon, and I make no question, but those *Gentle and Loyal Magistrates* that entertained so *Honourable an Indignation* for a *Brutal Outrage* upon the *Duke's Picture* will be universally sensible of these *Affronts* upon *Common Morality*, and *Justice*; and the *Honour* of their *Society* in the Person of his *Royal Highness*.

Janewary.

How does *Janewary* Rage in his *Third Part* against the *Wretched Pensioners* in *Page 20* [*Those Execrable Villains that by receiving Pensions betray'd our Trusts, and our Liberties to the late Long Parliament,* *Page 17.*] [*Those Abominable Adulterers* *Page 20.*] And what were these *Pensioners* at last; but a *List of Honorable Gentlemen*, *Proscribed* as the *Straffordians* were, upon the Entrance into the late *Rebellion*;

tion; for adhering to their *Consciences*, and their *Duty's*. Divers *Privy Councillors*, and other Persons of *Value* and *Credit*, in their *Stations*, and of *Unquestionable Worth*, in the Opinion of all that ever knew them?

And the *Addressees* are to be served with the same Sauce too. *Rich. Baldwin.*
 [*A Popish and Arbitrary Design at the Bottom. Baldwin's Tendency of Addressees, Pag. 9.*] [*The Scum and Refuse of the Places where they live. Pag. 12.*] Though the most Eminent Subjects of the Nation. [*Some little Bankrupt Tradesmen; a Scandalous and Disgrac'd Attorney, one whose necessity Exposes him to be Biass'd by Crusts of Bread and Pots of Ale. Ibid.*] And now to *Faneway* and *Care* in Conjunction.

[Most of the Subscribers (says the *Impartial*. Numb. 15.) are *Care* and *Russians* and *Beggerly Vermin*, drawn in by *Pots of Ale*, and *Cumis*. not *Apprentices*] and there's nothing escapes better that falls in their way. And the *Impartial* again, Numb. 16.

[*Alderman Pilkington*, and *Mr. Sbute* are fit Persons to Serve the City next Year in *Quality of Sheriffs*, &c. — But there are a Pack of People that scarce know what they would have; Most Industiously Endeavouring, by *Caballs*, and *Drunken Faction* Clubs, to put up some other Persons, &c.] This is to say, in short; that whosoever gives his Vote for any other man is a *Drunken Faction* *Rascal*.

What work has *Faneway* made, (*Impartial*. Numb. 47.) *Care* and *Faneway*. With a *Scandalous*, and *Malicious Forgery* of a *Debauch* committed upon *Michaelmas's day last*, in the Church of *All-ballows Staining*, and the Story False from one end to the other! But it was the *Spleen* of the Faction, when they could not disappoint the Election, (though by the meanest Practices Imaginable) to be Revenged upon those *Honest Gentlemen* that were desirous, by Ringing the Bells, to welcome the *Person Elected* into his Office.

It would be Endless, (and truly as Needless) to run through *Faneway* the History of the Scandals upon all those Places, and Persons, and *Care*. that have Acted *Dutifully* and *Affectionately* for the Common Service of the Church and the Crown. Is not the King Twitted for his *Venison* to some of the *Addressees*? Is not *Norwich*, *Bristol*, &c. Charged with Designs of Setting up *Papery* and *Arbitrary Power*? The *Artillery Company of Bristol*, Blasted as an *Illegal Usurpation*

and Calumniated for a *Private Test*, as if there were a *Papish Conspiracy* in the Bottom of it? Let but any Man open his Mouth for the *King* and the *Government*, and he is presently a *Bogge-Trotter*, a *Witness* in such Cause, a *Fury-man* in such a One, a *Judge* in another; and Branded for all the Villanies which that Sink of Infamy, the *Faction* can throw upon him. A *Turn-Coat*; a *Fidler*, a *Beggarly Rascal*; a *Drunken, Blaspheming Wretch*; a *Sworn Papist*: One that has *Whor'd* his *Mother*, *Betray'd* his *Prince*, and in short; 'tis but *Raking of Hell* for a Catalogue of the most *Damning Sins* that ever carried any man thither, to furnish out the Character of a Person that Honestly Interposes betwixt *Religion*, and *Sacrilege*, betwixt *Sedition* and the *Laws*; betwixt the *Prince* and the *Regicide*, and betwixt *Order*, and *Confusion*.

Rich. Baldwin.

Neither are the *King's Ministers*, *Magistrates*, *Justices*, *Juriers*, and *Witnesses*, nay, the *King Himself* one jot more respectfully handled in *Baldwin's two Parts of the No Protestant Plot*; and the Scandals run through from one end to the other.

Janeway.

Janeway (in his *strange News from Hicks's Hall*) calls the *Middlesex Justices*, *Adulterers*, *Whore-mongers*, *Swearers*, *Drunkards*, *Cheats*, *Page. 6.* and Janeway again in his *Ignoramus Justices* (but of the other day) takes upon him to Arraign and Declare Law, and to Juggle the People into a Misunderstanding and Contempt of all those wholesome Statutes which the Wisdom of our Fore-Fathers hath provided for the Security of the *Protestant Religion*, and the *Peace of the Kingdom*: With this Sawcy Reflection upon the Bench in the very Title Page [*Some Directions to the Officers that may be Threatened, or Persuaded to Act by such Unwarrantable Orders from such IGNORAMUS JUSTICES.*]

Janeway.

It is the Opinion of Men well vers'd in the Trade of Book-Selling, that there has not been so little as 30000. Reams of Paper spent upon this Seditious Subject, in this Late Liberty of the Press. But I shall stop here, with an Humble Recommendation of the whole Matter to the Right Honourable your Lordship, and to the Right Worshipful the Aldermen your Brethren. I shall not need to suggest that the Government of the City can never be *safe*, while That of the *Kingdom* is in *danger*; for it was notoriously the Effect of this intolerable Licence, that Subjected the *Regular Authority* of the City to *Arbitrary Armies* and *Com-*

mittees;

mittees; that stripp'd the *Magistracy* of their *Privileges* and *Ornaments*, and set up *Thimble-makers*, *Dray-men* and *Coblers* for their *Lords* and *Masters*. I need not mind your Lordship of the Agreement betwixt the *Past* and *Present Degrees*, *Methods* and *Pre-
tences* of Proceeding, betwixt their *Godly Party*, and our *True Protestants*, falsely so called; nay, I have heard of the *same Faces* now at work again, under the *same Vizors*. It is not a thing forgotten, that when the fear of Tyranny was pretended, the very Pretenders to those Fears exercised the most Barbarous Tyranny in Nature, themselves; nor was there ever so *Base* and *Scandalous* a *Vassalage*, as that which the unwary Multitude drew upon themselves under the hope of *Liberty*. The Apprehensions of Popery Vanished in the Destruction of the *Canonical Clergy*; the setting up of a *Preaching Ministry* concluded in the *Plundering*, *Ejecting*, *Sequestering*, &c. All the *Orthodox* and *Loyal Divines* of the *Kingdom*; turning the *Churches* into *Stables*; and supplying the *Pulpits* with *Red-Coats* and *Mechanicks*; Consecrating at last, the *Pretended Purity* of the Gospel with the most *Unchristian* *Outrages* of a *Barbarous Sacrilege*. A *Tory* is the Name now, for a *Popish Dogg*, or a *Malignant* of *Forty One*. And the Insolency of the Rabble upon Captain *Griffith*, in *November* last, when they cry'd *Kill him*; he's a *Tory*, *Kill him*; knowing him at the same time to be an Officer of the *Lieutenancy*, an *Ancient Common-Council-man*, and at that instant, upon his *Duty*, and *within his own Precinct*. That Insolence (with submission) looks like an Earnest of their good Will to the Subverting of the *Government in General*, and that of the *City in Particular*; and an Essay toward the accomplishing of that Work. To say nothing of other Inconveniencies that may arise by Forcing men upon *Personal Revenges*, unless these *Scandalous Libertines* may be Adverted upon by *Publick Justice*.

Having here laid before your Lordship both the *Quality* of the *Crimes* suggested, and the *Names* of several of the *Criminals*; and all of them Persons too, within the reach of your *Command*: It is not so much *U'strange*, as the *Common Voice* of an *Injur'd Government* and *People* that makes this Application.

But I am further to represent to your Lordship, that at the same time, while these *Libellous Papers* and *Agents* go *Scot-free*, the *Authors* and *Publishers* of other Books and Papers,
whose

whose Business is only to vindicate the Government from the Forgeries, Calumnies, Malice and Sedition of the Dayly Libels of *Care, Chris, Fenway, Baldwin, &c.* are Presented, and the Bills found; as Mrs. Brome particularly, for the *Observer*, by a certain Grand Jury, who, according to their Oath, could neither see, nor hear of any thing on the other hand; while yet at the same time, almost every Stall is covered, and every Coffee-House furnished with News-Papers and Pamphlets (both Written and Printed) of Personal Scandals, Schism and Treason. But I shall now desire your Lordship and your Right Worshipsful Brethren to take Notice what it is that the Animals of this Age call the Favouring of Popery, and the Creating of Misunderstanding betwixt His Majesty and People.

The *Observer*, Num. 27. (after some Remarks upon the Practices and Passions of a Phariſical Party) says to this purpose; [*Never Mince the Matter; but instead of Demanding This or That, under a Disguise, speak plain, and put the Sense of the Party into the Form of a Petition:*] And then follows the Petition at length, in these very Syllables.

Your Majesties most Humble and Obedient Subjects, having suffered many Disappointments, by reason both of *Short* and of *Long Parliaments*; and the late Executing of the Law against *Dissenters*; the Pretences of *Tyranny* and *Popery* being grown stale; the *Popish Plot* drawn almost to the Dregs; and the Eyes of the People so far open, that they begin to see their *Friends* from their *Enemies*; to the Disheartning of All True Protestants, and the Encouraging of the Sons of the Church: We your Majesties *Dissenting Subjects*, being thereby brought unto so low a state, that without a Timely Relief, We the *Godly People of the Land*, must inevitably Perish.

May it please your Majesty to Grant the Right of Calling and Dissolving Parliaments, Entering into Associations, Leagues and Covenants; the Power of the Militia,

Militia, War and Peace, Life and Death, the Authority of Enacting, Suspending and Repealing Laws, to be in your Liege People the Commons of England. And these Things being Granted, (whereof your Petitioners stand in great need) if your Majesty wants either Men or Monies, for the Support of Your Royal Dignity and Government, your Majesty shall see what we your Loyal Petitioners will do for you.

The *Observer* above-mention'd, concludes in these Words; [*All the Rest is Cant and Gibberish; but This is English.*] This *Personated Petition* is no more, in fine, than a *Compendium* of their *Demands and Complaints*, dress'd up in their own *Hypocritical Terms*: So that the *Sedition* lies in the *Defiance* of the *King's Crown and Dignity*, and the *Laws of the Land*; which necessarily implies an *Allowance and Justification* of the *Libellous Opposers* of the *Government*.

F I N I S.
